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MARY ELLIS KAHLER NAMED CHIEF OF LAPS DIVISION

The Librarian has announced the promotion of Mary Ellis Kahler to the position of Chief of the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division, effective October 1. Mrs. Kahler has been Assistant Chief of the division since June 1971.

Born in Santiago, Chile, Mrs. Kahler's academic work was all undertaken in the United States. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she holds a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College, a library science degree from Drexel University, an M.A. in history from George Washington University, and a Ph. D. in Latin American history from American University.

Mrs. Kahler came to the Library in 1949 as a participant in the Library's special recruit program, and subsequently served in positions in the Order Division, Classification Office, and Union Catalog Division. In 1953, she was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Serial Record Division and served as Chief of that division from 1957 to 1966, when she became Assistant Chief of the Union Catalog Division. From August 1970 until her appointment to the (then) Hispanic Foundation, Mrs. Kahler served as Specialist in Technical Processes in the Office of the Assistant Director for Cataloging in the Processing Department.

Mrs. Kahler is active in the American Library Association and the District of Columbia Library Association. She is Chairman of the Committee on Scholarly Resources of the Latin American Studies Association and is also a member of SALALM, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association, and other professional organizations.

Mrs. Kahler's husband, George W. Kahler, is Assistant Chief of the Libraries Division of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. They reside at 6395 Lakeview Dr., Falls Church, Va.

RILEY APPOINTED FLC SECRETARY

The Librarian has announced the appointment of James P. Riley, now University Librarian at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., as Executive Secretary of the Federal Library Committee and Chairman of the National Libraries Task Force on Cooperative Activities. He will assume full responsibility on January 7, 1974, and be available in the interim for some activities involving the cooperative programs. Mr. Riley succeeds Frank Kurt Cylke, who was recently appointed Chief of the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

A native of Milwaukee, Mr. Riley first became interested in a library career while an undergraduate and worked as a junior librarian at the Milwaukee Public Library while attending Marquette University. He moved in 1952 to Washington, D.C., to attend

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SAMUEL BEMIS, HISTORIAN AND PAST LIBRARY CONSULTANT, DIES

Samuel Flagg Bemis, Pulitzer prize winning author and historian, who was associated with the Library of Congress for many years, died on September 26 in Bridgeport, Conn., following a long illness.

Mr. Bemis' long association with the Library began in 1927 when he became Director of the Rockefeller-funded European Mission (Project A), an attempt to collect copies of manuscript material in European archives to be used in the study of American history. With a Library of Congress grant, Mr. Bemis completed and published, in 1935, *A Diplomatic History of the United States, 1775-1921*, a work which remains one of the standard bibliographies in the field. His pulitzer prize-winning *John Quincy Adams and the Foundations of American Foreign Policy* was also the result of a Library grant which enabled him to research the work for some years.

Mr. Bemis was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1891, and studied at Clark University, Harvard University, and abroad. He began his teaching career at Colorado College in 1917 and later taught at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., George Washington University, Harvard University, and Yale University.

In 1961, Mr. Bemis was appointed one of three of the Library's first Honorary Consultants in American History, a position he held through 1964.

JUILLIARD CONCERTS SET FOR OCTOBER 18, 19

On Thursday and Friday evenings, October 18 and 19, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor two concerts of chamber music by the Juilliard String Quartet. The members of this ensemble are Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violins; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Claus Adam, violoncello. Their program will include Quartet in G minor, Op. 74, No. 3, H. III: 74 by Joseph Haydn; Quartet No. 3 by Béla Bártok; and Quartet in C sharp minor, Op. 131 by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Both concerts will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets for these concerts will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, October 15. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert on Friday evening will be broadcast in its entirety by station WETA-FM (90.9), and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICERS AND COUNSELORS APPOINTED

The Library's Regulation on discrimination complaint procedures provides for Equal Opportunity Officers and Counselors to serve on a part-time basis and to be available for consultation in regard to discrimination complaints by staff members or qualified applicants for a library position. Since the program was established two years ago, four full-time positions have been allocated for its operation, including the Coordinator, Thomas C. Brackeen and Investigator Lloyd A. Pauls, in addition to the part-time Officers and Counselors in various locations who continue to be essential components of the program.

Equal Opportunity Counselors, Officers, and staff: (standing, l-r) Mr. Pauls, Mr. Langone, Mr. Brackeen, Mr. Hyson, Mr. Belsches, Mr. Katz, and Mr. Stinner; (seated, l-r) Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. McCann, Doreena L. Thomas, Secretary, Miss Vogt, Mrs. Dupree, and Mrs. Aufricht. Not present were Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Whittaker.

Based on recommendations received from the department directors and the Coordinator of the program, the Librarian announced September 21 that the following staff members have accepted two-year terms as Equal Opportunity Officers: Welton B. Belsches, Catalog Publication Division; Beatrice H. Jones, Government and General Research Division; Michael A. Katz, Information Systems Office; and Stephen A. Langone, Government and General Research Division.

Mr. Langone is serving a second appointed term, Mrs. Jones has just completed a two-year term as Counselor for the program, and Mr. Belsches and Mr. Katz have served as interim counselors since June 1973.

Those who have accepted two-year appointments as Counselors for the program are: Rita W. Aufricht, Copyright Examining Division; Cathy J. Douglass, reappointed for a second term, Card Division; Mattie T. Dupree, reappointed for a second term, Copyright Reference Division; Alfred R. Hyson, Preservation Microfilming Office; Cleopatra S. McCann, National Union Catalog; Barbara B. Petty, reappointed for a second term, Catalog Publication Division; Lee E. Stinner, Serial Division; Anita S. Vogt, Subject Cataloging Division; and Marsha J. Whittaker, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

PUBLISHERS JOIN CIP PROGRAM

The following publishers have joined the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) Program during the period of September 1 to October 1: Allyn and Bacon Inc., Bardian House Publishers, Cahners Books, Epic Publications, Inc., Germainbooks, National Park Service, Jeffrey Norton Publishers, Inc., Petrocelli Books, The Rainbow Bridge, Research Publications, Inc., Resources for the Future, Inc., Salem Press, Inc., Science History Publications, and The Stephen Greene Press.

CAFETERIA POLICIES CHANGED

Staff members have had priority at the Library of Congress cafeteria in the last month, and lunching within the 30 minutes allowed has been much easier as a result of new procedures.

In answer to staff complaints and the increasingly heavy use of the cafeteria by tour groups and other visitors, the Library has reserved the use of the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for staff members. The door on the west side of the facility is no longer used as an entrance during that period, although it may be used for exit purposes as it opens from the inside.

The public is admitted before 11:30 a.m. and after 1 p.m., but if lines become too long at any time, visitors are asked to wait while staff members are served.

Cafeteria and snack bar service will be further improved if those who have finished eating will surrender tables to those just beginning lunch hour.

Signs are being placed on cafeteria tables asking such cooperation. Special areas elsewhere in the Library have been designated in the Library for smoking and reading.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Pakistan. ISSN 0041-7777. Vol. 12, No. 8, August 1973. (pp. 81-86.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. ISSN 0012-2785. 93rd Congress, 1st Session. Cumulative Issue No. 3, Parts 1 and 2, 1973. (Various pagings.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at $19.60 per two part set. (LC 14.6:93-1/1-2/pts. 1 and 2).

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. ISSN 0027-0288. Vol. 64, No. 9. September 1973. (pp. 731-846.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents at $1 for single monthly issues, except June and December for $1.75, or $11.50 a year, domestic, and $14.50 a year, foreign.

The National Union Catalog: A Cumulative Author List Representing Library of Congress Printed Cards and Titles Reported by Other American Libraries. ISSN 0028-0348. July 1973. (xx, 976 p.) Compiled by the Library of Congress with the cooperation of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $890 for the year's subscription.

Cooperative Publication Projects: *The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints. A Cumulative Author List Representing Library of Congress Printed Cards and Titles Reported by Other American Libraries.* Vols. 280-283. Jersey City. Board of Education–Jordana, César. Compiled and edited with the cooperation of the Library of Congress and the National Union Catalog Subcommittee of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For sale by Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., 3 Bloomsbury Place, London WC1A 2QA, England, about $25-$30 each depending on the mode of payment. Particulars are available from the publisher.

Press Releases: No. 73-40 (October 3) Mary Ellis Kahler Named Chief of Library of Congress Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division; No. 73-41 (October 5) Librarian of Congress Announces Appointment of James P. Riley to Head Federal and National Library Cooperative Programs.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Virginia C. David of the Manuscript Division retired from the Library on September 26, having completed 25 years of Federal service. Since 1958, Mrs. David has worked in the Manuscript Division, first as arranger-indexer and advancing to Assistant Head, Presidential Papers Section, the position she held at retirement. Several of her co-workers were present on September 19, when Roy P. Basler, Chief of the Manuscript Division, presented Mrs. David with a 25-year Federal Service Award pin.

In October 1966, Mrs. David received a quality increase in recognition of her superior editorial work, her proficiency as supervisor of indexers, and her overall performance. In several performance ratings she has been commended for supervising the preparation of the Jackson, Polk, McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt Papers indexes. At the time of her retirement she was the editor of the Garfield Papers index.

Mrs. David was born in Washington, D.C., and earned a B.A. degree from Miner Teachers College in 1938 and an M.A. in history from Howard University in 1941. Mrs. David worked for the U.S. Department of the Air Force for several months in 1954 and from 1954-1956 was a substitute teacher in secondary schools. She began work in the Library in 1957 in the Order Division.

Mrs. David joined the staff of the Manuscript Division shortly after the Presidential Papers Program was begun and, coincidentally, left as the program nears completion.

AWARDS

Robert Pratt, Registered and Insured Mail Clerk, Mail Receipt and Delivery Unit, Central Services Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin on September 27 by F. E. Croxton, Director, Administrative Department.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Pratt was appointed to the Library staff in September 1943 as Mail Clerk in what was then the Office of the Secretary. In 1966 he was promoted to his present position. He received a Quality Salary Increase in 1969.

Robert G. Talkington, Contract and Planning Coordinator for the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin by Paul L. Berry, Department Director, in a ceremony held on August 8. His entire 27 years of civilian Government service has been with the Library of Congress, as he joined the staff in 1946 following three years of service with the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Talkington served for five years in the Personnel Division, and became Assistant Personnel Operations Officer before moving to the then Office of the Secretary in 1951 as Chief of the Publications and Secretarial Section. In 1954, he became Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Reference Department, then moved in 1960 to the then Division for the Blind as Management Assistant.

He is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, and later continued his education with courses in accounting at Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D.C.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Richard H. Evensen, Braille Advisor and Special Assistant to the Chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is the author of an article entitled "Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped," which appeared in the September issue of *Older Americans in Action.* The two-page article is an overview of the DBPH program, including its historical development and a summary of the ways in which volunteers can and do assist in producing special reading materials for blind and physically handicapped readers throughout the nation. The magazine is published by Older Americans Volunteer Programs, ACTION, Washington, D.C.

Eilene Galloway, Senior Specialist in International Relations, Foreign Affairs Division, Congressional Research Service, accompanied the Congressional delegation which visited NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 21. Briefings were presented by researchers on the impact of aerospace technology on society in a program entitled "Technology in the Service of Man."

Daniel Hoffman, Consultant in Poetry to the Library, gave a reading of his works at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., on October 3, as part of the University's 175th anniversary celebration.

A color lithograph by **Herbert J. Sanborn,** Exhibits Officer, has been acquired by the First and Merchants National Bank in Virginia for its new building and

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library school at Catholic University, from which he received his M.S.L.S. in 1956. He served from 1952 to 1958 in successively responsible positions at Georgetown University Library; from 1958 to 1961 as Chief, Branch Libraries, Central Intelligence Agency; from 1961 to 1962 as Medlars Liaison Officer, National Library of Medicine; and from 1962 to 1964 as Assistant Chief of the Library Services Division, Federal Aviation Agency. In 1965 he returned to the National Library of Medicine as Chief of the Technical Services Division and in August 1967 was named Deputy Associate Director for Library

Mr. Riley

Operations. Mr. Riley was Associate Director of the University of Chicago Library from September 1968 until he left in 1971 to head the Marquette University Library.

During his professional career, Mr. Riley has been concerned with technical processes, automation applications to library service, library planning, and administration. He received an Outstanding Performance Award in 1964 from the Federal Aviation Agency and a Special Service Award from the National Library of Medicine in 1968. In Wisconsin, Mr. Riley serves on the Executive Committee of the Council of Wisconsin Librarians and is Chairman of

the Upper Midwest Regional Library Network Planning Committee. Nationally, he is a member of the Advisory Council of the Minority Program Development for Libraries and Learning Resources.

Mr. Riley and his wife, the former Shirley Margaret Barron, have seven children, four daughters and three sons, five of whom are in college. The family expects to move to the Washington area later this year.

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center to open in 1975. The lithograph, entitled "Homage to Walt Whitman," combines a reproduction of a portrait study by Mathew B. Brady, a small engraved portrait from the frontispiece of the first edition of *Leaves of Grass*, and a facsimile of the holograph fragment entitled "Grand is the Seen," from the Whitman papers collection in the Library, in a setting suggesting Art Nouveau. The acquisition was made in connection with the Bank's program to assemble and review, for possible inclusion in its new building, works of art from various parts of the State of Virginia.

Paul G. Sifton, Manuscript Historian, Manuscript Division, is the author of "A Disordered Life: The American Career of Pierre Eugène Du Simitière," which appears in the Fall 1973 issue of *Manuscripts*. Du Simitière, who drew the first profile portrait of Washington, opened the first American museum, won the title of historiographer to the Continental Congress, and pioneered in the conservation of historical documents, is relatively unknown today except to specialists of the period. The annotated and illustrated article discusses Du Simitière's achievements, and also the reasons for his present-day obscurity. An earlier version of the article was delivered to the Washington Area Chapter of The Manuscript Society at Gunston Hall in May 1970, and to the Washington Chapter of the D. A. R. in February 1971. The majority of the materials collected by Du Simitière are in the Library Company of Philadelphia, and in the Peter Force Papers in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.

Donald Weber, Acting Head of the National Collections Section, DBPH, served as an invited speaker at a workshop for institutional librarians in the New England and nearby States, sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services and held September 18 in Cranston, R.I. The workshop had as its theme, "Library Services to the Institutionalized (with some emphasis on services to the blind and physically handicapped)," and serving as chairperson was Barbara Wilson, Chief of the Division of Special Services, Rhode Island Department of Library Services, who was until recently the State's regional librarian for the blind and physically handicapped. Mr. Weber, in his presentation to the 30 librarians from five States who attended, stressed the necessity for close interaction among regional libraries, institutional libraries, and public libraries in providing good service to the blind and physically handicapped. He emphasized that outreach is an essential approach in meeting the needs of this group. "Eligible readers are often dispersed and are often not aware of the available services, and or sometimes completely forgotten by libraries. But we, as librarians, have an obligation to reach out to communicate with and serve them, wherever they are."

Mary Jack Wintle, Assistant Chief for Acquisitions, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, participated as an invited panelist in a session of the 1973 National Communications Forum sponsored by the American Optometric Association and held September 21-23 in Washington, D.C. The session, entitled "Opportunities for Optometric Communications" and moderated by Raymond L. Guenveur, Chairman of the AOA Public Information Division Executive Committee, included presentations by Miss Wintle about the Library's braille and talking book program, and by three other panelists, Wilfred G. Gill, Executive Director of the Virginia Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Richmond; Tony Best, Public Relations Director, Children's Television Workshop (producers of "Sesame Street"), New York; and Barbara H. Franklin, Vice-Chairman, Consumer Products Safety Commission. AOA sponsors the forum annually for doctors of optometry serving as volunteer state association public information chairmen, public information personnel of auxiliaries, and state optometry association public information personnel. Among its purposes are to provide educational content and to stimulate increase of public information activities at the local level.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Linda C. Augustus, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 6135; Daisy M. Barrett, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 11-500; Rosa Lee Belton, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 11-500; Carrie A. Brunson, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 11-500; Emanuel J. Burgess, mail clerk, GS-2, Cop Serv, 9-200; Diane Croom, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Exam, NP; Charles Hales, special policeman (Private), GS-5, Bldgs, 6029; Leonard A. Hawley, library aid, GS-3, Loan, 10-600; Mary A. Hewer, programmer, GS-11, MARC Dev, 4910; Odell V.

Johnson, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, 8-500; Richard W. Jung, searcher-filer, GS-5, Cat Publ, 6013; Joseph J. Keenan, Jr., deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, 4-600; David L. Kitzler, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, 6-600; John G. Kormos, contracting specialist, GS-12, Procurement, 6060; Philip S. Kramer, contracting specialist, GS-12, Procurement, 6066; Edward R. Mills, copyright senior systems analyst, GS-14, Cop, 4874; Marvin Phornore, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 11-500; Grover L. Robinson, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 11-500; Mark D. Schellhamer, card drawing clerk, GS-3, Card, 11-500.

Reappointment: Margaret S. Malone, analyst in social legislation, GS-15, CRS Ed, 6088.

Promotions: Emma M. Blacken, CRS A, to analyst in environmental policy, GS-7, CRS EP, NP; Bernevia Milton, CRS A, to economic analyst, GS-7, CRS E, NP; Marcia Montogomery, CRS L, to library technician, GS-4, Loan, 6008; Cynthia B. Wright, CRS D, to research assistant, GS-7, CRS SPR, NP.

Transfers: Duane R. Barnes, CRS L, to reference assistant, GS-5, CRS C, NP; Brenda Marie Branaman, CRS SPR, to foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Constance D. Crawford, Card, to editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS A, 6019; Jan E. Langford, Card, to editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS EP, 6079.

Resignations: Barbara E. Brasse, Cop Serv; Madeleine R. Garson, Pers Sec; Doris J. Spencer, ISO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Black are the parents of a son, Vincent Eugene, born September 23 at Columbia Hospital. Mrs. Black is an Assistant in the Card Preparation Section of the Catalog Management Division. Mr. Black is a former staff member of the Shared Cataloging Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Brunson, Jr., are the parents of a son born on September 28 at Georgetown University Hospital. Mrs. Brunson is a Cataloger in the Cataloging Section of the Serial Record Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gray are the parents of a son, Shawn Ashley, born September 22 at Sibley Hospital. Mr. Gray is a Catalog Filer in the Filing Section of the Catalog Management Division. Mrs. Gray is a former member of the Searching Section of the Catalog Publication Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Petty, Sr., are the parents of a son, Frank M., Jr., born on September 22, at Prince George's Hospital. Mrs. Petty is Assistant Head, NUC Publication Section, Catalog Publication Division.

Barbara A. Ringer, recently appointed Register of Copyrights, will assume her duties in that position on November 19. She has been serving as Director of the Copyright Division of UNESCO in Paris since May 1972.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit will visit the Library on Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The unit will be located in the Main Building, Rooms C127 and C129. Staff members wishing to donate blood should register with key-workers in their divisions by October 12. Donors from the Massachusetts Avenue, Taylor Street, and Navy Yard Annexes are requested to use the regular shuttle bus service to and from the Main Building.

In accordance with LCR 2015-17.4, all donors may be granted a maximum of four hours excused absence, which includes the actual time spent giving blood and a rest and recuperation period immediately following. The time of donation must by approved by the supervisor.

Questions concerning blood donation should be directed to Mrs. Candy Barksdale, Health Services Office, ext. 6053.

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, in cooperation with employers in the Crystal City area, has developed **Computeride**, a volunteer bus pool/car pool encouragement program. The program will provide Crystal City area employees with information tailored to meet their commuting needs. Information gathered by questionnaires will be coded and placed in a master computer program which will enable coordinators to match the residences, work schedules, and desired modes of transportation of groups of program participants.

Computeride questionnaires and additional information on the program are available from Rose V. Lembo, Office of the Register of Copyrights, Crystal Mall room 513, 557-8740.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Technical Writing Lecture Sponsored by STC

A lecture on technical writing will be given by James Grunig, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland College of Journalism, at the National Agriculture Library, Beltsville, Md., on October 15 at 8 p.m. The lecture will be sponsored by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Society of Technical Communications.

NARS and LC Sponsor Institute

The Twenty-ninth Institute: Introduction to Modern Archives Administration will be held at the

National Archives Building, Washington, D.C., on October 15-26. The Institute will be directed by Frank B. Evans, assistant to the Archivist, with Edward L. Weldon, editor of *The American Archivist*, serving as assistant director. While emphasizing public records and archives, the Institute will be conducted by a faculty experienced in all phases of work with public and private archives and manuscripts, and is offered as a professional service by NARS. The Institute is accredited by the History Department of American University, and is cosponsored by the Library of Congress and the Maryland Hall of Records. Inquires should be addressed to Twenty-ninth Archives Institute, Department of History, American University, Washington, D.C. 20016, tel. (202) 686-2401.

SLA Meets on October 18

The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Special Libraries Association will hold a dinner in honor of the President of the SLA, Gilles Frappier, on October 18 at 6 p.m. in the Flagship Restaurant, 900 Water St., S.W. Mr. Frappier, Associate Parliamentary Librarian, Library of Parliament, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, will speak to the Chapter on the plans and programs of the Association. Reservations must be made with Judy Russell by telephoning 229-7978 (home), or 676-6450 (office).

ASIS Conference to be Held Oct. 21-25

The 1973 Annual Conference on the American Society for Information Science will be held October 21-25 in Los Angeles, Calif. Featured will be a panel to be chaired by Patricia Powell, Supervisor of the Marine Technical Information Center, California Department of Fish and Game at Long Beach. The panel will follow the theme of the conference and present "Professional Societies, Their Costs and Benefits."

Registration and program information can be obtained from the 1973 ASIS Conference Chairman, H. W. (Bill) Jones, Northrop Corp., Aircraft Division, Library 3340-32, 3901 West Broadway, Hawthorne, Calif. 90250, or by telephone (213) 871-4611, ext. 1006.

Political Science Group Meets

The American Political Science Association held its 69th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, La., on September 4-8. Of the 16,000 members of the Association, approximately 2,075 were in attendance. This figure compares with 3,000 for the previous year when Washington, D.C. was the host city.

A general topic of conversation in convention corridors was Watergate, more particularly its long-term effects on various aspects of the American political system. Of special interest to students of American constitutional law was the ultimate judicial answer to the long standing and largely unresolved problem of the scope of executive privilege. One of the most significant formal papers at the meeting and one which claimed national attention was the work of scholars at the University of Michigan's Center for Political Studies entitled "A Majority Party in Disarray: Social and Political Conflict in the 1972 Election." The major conclusion of this study based on the most refined methodology in election analysis is that for the first time in decades a presidential election was decided on ideological grounds and issues rather than on personalities and traditional party loyalties.

Beyond the traditional areas of political science, subjects increasingly commanding the attention of the profession are the methods for recruiting faculty and the relatively new trend towards collective bargaining on the campuses. Robert K. Carr, former President of Oberlin College, presented the results of a study on the latter subject, made under the auspices of the American Council on Education.

Although polemics were less in evidence this year, they were not entirely lacking. Resolutions introduced to investigate the professional conduct of fellow-political scientist Henry A. Kissinger in connection with his role in wiretapping and the war in South East Asia were defeated mainly on the grounds that the Association's constitution did not authorize the Committee on Ethics to inquire into questions beyond political science teaching and research. Current politics were evidenced in the appearance of Nelson Rockefeller who addressed the meeting on problems in Federal-State relations.

The presidential address by Robert E. Ward of the University of Michigan was concerned with area studies. Avery Leiserson of Vanderbilt University is the Association's President-Elect. The 1974 meeting of the Association will be held in Chicago.

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